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## JULY CROP REPORT

### U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

\* **Winter wheat production** was forecast at 1.53 billion bushels, down 1 percent from last month but 2 percent above 2004.

\* **Winter wheat harvested for grain** was forecast at 34.3 million acres, down less than 1 percent from last season.

\* **Winter wheat yield** was forecast at 44.5 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushels from June and 1.0 bushels from 2004.

\* **Kansas**, the number one winter wheat state, was expecting 374.4 million bushels, up 19 percent from 2004.

### KENTUCKY

The **winter wheat** crop was forecast at 21.0 million bushels. This was up 17 percent from the June 1 estimate and 2 percent from the 2004 crop. The forecast was based on crop conditions as of July 1 or the date of harvest if

harvest occurred before July 1. Yield was estimated at a record high 70 bushels per acre, up 10 bushels from the June estimate and 16 bushels from the previous year. The previous record high of 66 bushels was produced in 2001. Farmers intended to harvest 300,000 acres for grain, down 80,000 acres from the 2004 crop and the smallest harvested acreage since 1986. The 120,000 acres not harvested for grain in 2005 was plowed down prior to setting tobacco, cut as grain hay, chopped as grain silage or abandoned.

Kentucky wheat producers had nearly perfect weather this wheat season. The crop came through the winter with light to moderate damage and the acreage most affected was abandoned. Moisture was adequate through early May and grain heads filled well. Disease and insect problems were light. Wheat harvest was delayed in mid-June by rain. After mid-June harvesting made good progress and was 96 percent complete by July 3, well ahead of last year's 89 percent and the five-year average of 90 percent. During June, wheat condition in the field had been mostly good to excellent and farmers reported good yields and good grain quality.

### WINTER WHEAT, SELECTED STATES & U.S., JULY 1, 2005

STATE	AREA HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION		
	2004	Ind. 2005	2004	Ind. 2005	2003	2004	Ind. 2005
	(1,000 Acres)		(Bushels)		(1,000 Bushels)		
Colorado	1,700	2,400	27.0	27.0	77,000	45,900	64,800
Illinois	900	600	59.0	64.0	52,650	53,100	38,400
Indiana	440	340	62.0	65.0	29,670	27,280	22,100
Kansas	8,500	9,600	37.0	39.0	480,000	314,500	374,400
<b>KENTUCKY</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>54.0</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>21,700</b>	<b>20,520</b>	<b>21,000</b>
Missouri	930	570	52.0	57.0	53,070	48,360	32,490
Montana	1,630	2,050	41.0	43.0	67,340	66,830	88,150
Nebraska	1,650	1,700	37.0	41.0	83,720	61,050	69,700
Ohio	890	830	62.0	68.0	68,000	55,180	56,440
Oklahoma	4,700	3,900	35.0	33.0	179,400	164,500	128,700
Oregon	780	840	61.0	61.0	47,940	47,580	51,240
Tennessee	280	170	49.0	60.0	13,500	13,720	10,200
Texas	3,500	3,200	31.0	31.0	96,600	108,500	99,200
Washington	1,750	1,850	67.0	69.0	117,000	117,250	127,650
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>34,462</b>	<b>34,271</b>	<b>43.5</b>	<b>44.5</b>	<b>1,716,721</b>	<b>1,499,434</b>	<b>1,525,302</b>

## COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on May 31, 2005, were greater than year earlier levels for pork, vegetables, butter and cheese.

All U S. Warehouse Stocks				May 2005 as % of	
Commodity	May 31 2004	April 30 2005	May 31 2005	May 2004	April 2005
Frozen Poultry		1,000 lbs		Percent	
Chicken	669,846	691,406	664,339	99	96
Turkey	571,124	443,105	470,099	82	106
Ducks	1,043	299	452	43	151
Total Frozen Poultry	1,242,013	1,134,810	1,134,890	91	100
Meat					
Total Frozen Beef	402,823	329,496	318,798	79	97
Frozen Pork					
Bellies	41,366	89,360	81,662	197	91
Total Frozen Pork <u>1/</u>	412,840	563,762	513,276	124	91
Total Meat <u>2/</u>	829,258	909,543	849,829	102	93

1/Includes picnics, hams, bellies, loins, ribs, trimmings, and other frozen pork. 2/Includes frozen beef, pork, veal, lamb and mutton, other frozen meat, canned hams, and other canned meat.

## RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.71 billion pounds in May, up 3 percent from the 3.60 billion pounds produced in May 2004. May 2004 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays. May 2005 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. Beef production, at 2.07 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.79 million head, down 2 percent from May 2004. The average live weight was up 20 pounds from the previous year, at 1,224 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.61 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.03 million head, 6 percent above May 2004. The average live weight was 4 pounds above the previous year, at 270 pounds.

### COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: UNITED STATES & KENTUCKY 1/

Type	May 2004	April 2005	May 2005	May 05 % of	
				May 2004	April 2005
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,070	*1,889	2,075	100	110
Veal	13.7	13.0	13.2	96	102
Pork	1,500	1,704	1,611	107	95
Lamb & Mutton	13.1	15.5	14.8	114	95
Total U.S.	3,597	3,622	3,714	103	103
Total Kentucky	38.2	35.8	34.6	91	97

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

### COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER: KENTUCKY & U.S. MAY 2004 & 2005 1/

Type	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 head		1,000 lbs.		Pounds	
<b>Kentucky</b>						
Cattle	1.2	1.2	1,042	1,142	862	934
Hogs	191.3	169.4	50,188	45,275	262	267
Sheep & Lambs	1.0	1.4	122	187	126	138
<b>United States</b>						
Cattle	2,836.1	2,792.1	3,415,402	3,416,695	1,204	1,224
Hogs	7,578.6	8,030.2	2,016,047	2,167,449	266	270
Sheep & Lambs	188.7	208.0	26,098	29,639	138	143

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

## U. S. DAIRY PRODUCTS, MAY 2005

PRODUCT	May 2004	Apr. 2005 <u>1/</u>	May 2005	Percent of May 04 Apr. 05	
	(000) Pounds			Percent	
<b>BUTTER</b>	110,120	115,659	120,295	109	104
<b>CHEESE</b>					
American Types <u>2/</u>	332,481	328,413	333,375	100	102
Mozzarella	246,988	248,480	262,444	106	106
All Other Types <u>3/</u>	172,581	180,015	186,652	108	104
Total	752,050	756,908	782,471	104	103
	(000) Gallons			Percent	
<b>FROZEN PRODUCTS</b>					
Ice Cream (Hard)	74,378	77,426	78,398	105	101
Frozen Yogurt (Total)	6,148	5,345	6,132	100	115
<b>MIX FOR FROZEN PRODUCTS</b>					
Ice Cream Mix	43,536	44,335	45,183	104	102
Yogurt Mix	3,790	3,144	3,607	95	115

1/Revised. 2/Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack. 3/Includes Swiss, Cream and all other types. Excludes cottage cheese.

## UNITED STATES EGG PRODUCTION & HATCH

	May 2004	May 2005	May 05 % of May 04
<b>Egg Production</b>			
Eggs Produced (Million)	7,513	7,563	101
Average Layers (000)	342,786	342,190	100
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,192	2,210	101
<b>Egg Type Hatchery</b>			
Eggs Set June 1 (000)	34,678	33,179	96
Chicks Hatched (000)	38,347	37,449	98
<b>Broiler Type Hatchery</b>			
Eggs Set June 1 (000)	661,255	667,473	101
Chicks Hatched (000)	810,484	823,406	102

## PEACH PRODUCTION

**Commercial peach** production for **Kentucky** was forecast at 550 tons, down 250 tons from a year earlier. Growers expect a smaller crop this year. Several large producers reported frost destroying some to all of their peaches this spring. Other producers expect an average to excellent crop. Fruit quality should be good with good prices expected.

The July 2005 forecast of **U.S.** peach production is 1.24 million tons, down 5 percent from 2004 and 2 percent below two years ago. Twenty of the 28 peach estimating States expect declines in production from last year, while 8 States increased their production from the previous season.

## COMMERCIAL PEACH PRODUCTION 2004 & 2005 FORECAST

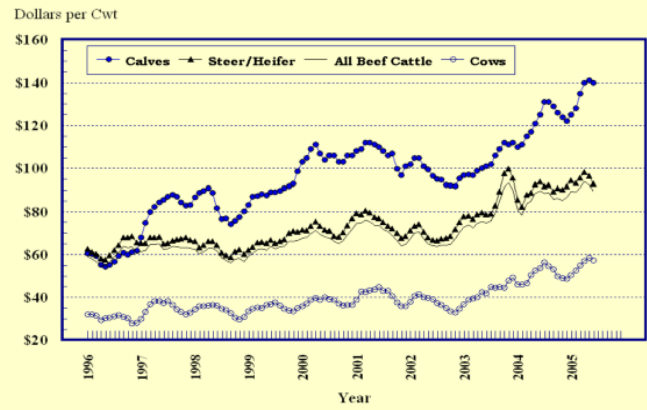
2005 Rank	STATE	2004	2005 <u>1/</u>
(Tons)			
TOP FIVE STATES			
1.	California	975,000	949,000
2.	South Carolina	70,000	75,000
3.	Georgia	52,500	40,000
4.	New Jersey	32,500	30,000
5.	Washington	21,500	22,000
KENTUCKY & SURROUNDING STATES			
11.	Illinois	10,600	6,500
22.	Ohio	5,100	2,000
23.	Tennessee	1,950	1,900
24.	Missouri	4,500	1,500
<b>27.</b>	<b>KENTUCKY</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>550</b>
UNITED STATES		1,307,110	1,240,350

1/ July 1, 2005

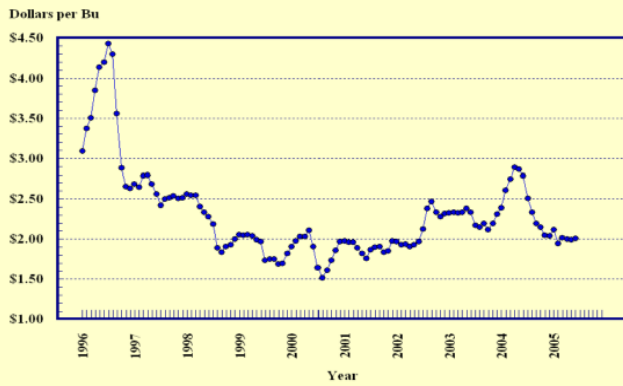
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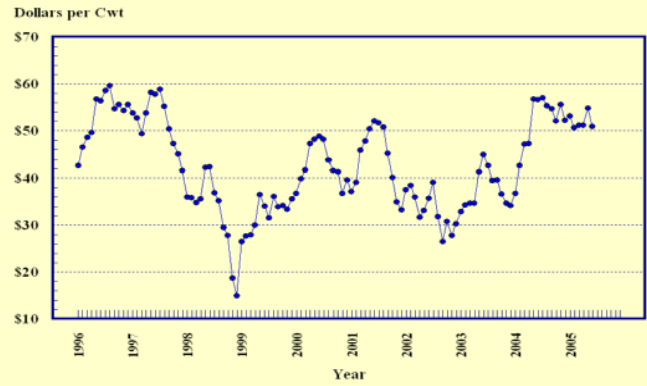
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Prices Received, Corn, US



Prices Received, Hogs, US



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